



# Foggy Bottom News

Published for and by the Citizens of Foggy Bottom

## NEXT MEETING:

Due to Memorial Day Holiday  
Next Foggy Bottom Associa-  
tion Meeting will be  
TUESDAY, MAY 27  
8 PM

St. Paul's Parish House  
2430 'K' Street, NW

SIGN UP FOR OPERATION I.D. TO  
RECOVER THEFTS. Police Representatives  
will be at the meeting.

## RENT CONTROL UPDATE

LETTER TO THE EDITOR  
April 12, 1975

Rent control in the District of Columbia is in danger. Certain politicians in the Executive Office of the District and some members of the City Council want to weaken the present bill and perhaps make it disappear entirely as the years go by.

The present bill was enacted in August of 1974 and has faced tough sledding ever since. The Mayor provided about one fifth of what was needed for the Housing Rent Commission, the Commission which adjudicates disputes between the tenants and landlords. The landlords took the law to court the day after it was enacted and won a partial victory, shifting the burden of proof on the shoulders of the tenants during disputes. They then took it to the D.C. Court of Appeals trying to rule it as unconstitutional. It is there now and the ruling may come down against the citizens before this letter is in print.

And, compounding these slings and darts of outrageous fortune, a new bill to replace the present one which expires on May 31, is under consideration by the City Council. This bill allows an 8% rent increase over the 12.32% allowed now.\*

The new bill changes the structure of the Housing Rent Commission. An administrator is placed over two tenant representatives and two landlord representatives, and three public members (neutral members). This administrator could be susceptible to political pressure. Furthermore, the number of tenant and landlord members is reduced. The citizens are pleased now because they have four tenant members; the change suggests the possibility, if things get too political, for two tenant members and six landlord-leaning officials.

There are other provisions—both in the present and new bill—that are not fair to tenants. For further information, call the City Wide Housing Coalition—737-3703. Or write. The address is: 1225 K Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

Joseph C. Davis  
Chairperson,  
City Wide Housing  
Coalition

\*(Ed. Note: On April 22, the District City Council voted a three-month extension to the present law.)

## Repair Problems

The District of Columbia Consumer Good Repair Regulation (No. 74-3) became effective July 15, 1974. Following is an explanation of your consumer rights and responsibilities under the Regulation.

### Types of Consumer Goods Repairs

At the present time, the Consumer Goods Repair Regulation applies to repairs made on motor vehicles and electronic equipment (televisions, radios, tape recorders, phonographs, etc.).

### Who Is Protected?

The Regulation protects any consumer who has repairs made on a motor vehicle or on electronic equipment by a dealer who provides repair services in the District of Columbia. As of November 15, 1974, all D.C. consumer goods repair dealers must be **licensed**. At a later date, the dealers must also have a supervisory inspector's license.

### Your Rights

These are your rights under the Consumer Goods Repair Regulation:

**Prior Disclosure of Service Charges.** Before a repair dealer comes to your home for the purpose of making or estimating costs of repairs, he must fully disclose any service charges or other fees which will be imposed, whether or not he performs the repairs. **Receipt for Items to be Repaired.** When a repair dealer takes possession of your goods to be repaired, either from your home or in his shop, he must give you a receipt. The receipt must list the dealer's name, business address and telephone number; the name of the person who actually takes the items, a description of the goods, and the date of receipt. **Written Estimate.** Before he begins any repair work on your car or television, for

## Summer is Coming



## Police Foot Patrols

In the course of campaigning last summer again and against street crime emerged as a major problem confronting the citizens of Ward 2. Again and again I heard people say that if police foot patrols were increased and more prevalent a lot of the street crime could be curbed.

In January, in response to these real concerns, I introduced a Resolution before the Council that would increase the number of police foot patrol personnel on our streets. This measure was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

In the course of Committee evaluation, Police Chief Cullinane submitted information on both the definition and numbers of foot patrol personnel on our streets.

"1. Motorscooter operators are considered to be footmen provided with a means of increased mobility, and shall perform the duties of a foot patrolman on similar assignment.

2. When on patrol, unless directed otherwise by competent authority, motorscooter operators shall periodically dismount and patrol on foot."

In addition, Chief Cullinane submitted figures on Monthly Manhours on Foot Patrol. These figures for those Districts in Ward 2 are as follows: **District 1** (All Southwest and portion of Northeast and Southeast): Manhours; 1/74—11,048; 9/74—5,632; 1/75—6,532.

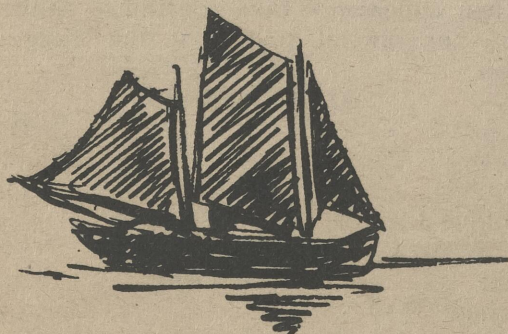
**District 2** (Downtown, Foggy Bottom Dupont Circle South of Mass Ave.): Manhours; 1/74—6,768; 9/74—4,056; 1/75—8,324.

**District 3** (Shaw, Dupont Circle North of Mass. Ave.): Manhours; 1/74—6,216; 9/74—3,752; 1/75—4,296.

The First District is located at 415 4th St., S.W. and has a substation at 500 "E" St., S.E. The Second District is located at 3301 Idaho Avenue, N.W. and has as a substation at 4125 Albemarle, N.W.—neither of which are located in Ward 2. District Three is located at 1620 "V" St., N.W., with a substation at 501 New York Ave., N.W. The headquarters is not in our Ward.

As you can see, there are fewer footpatrol personnel on our streets than one year ago. The Police Department feels this is a sufficient number. The answer, however, lies with you. Do you feel you see a sufficient number of foot patrol personnel on the "beat" in your neighborhood? If not, express your views and concerns in writing to the Committee on Public Safety, Chairperson Willie Hardy, The District Building, Washington, D.C. 20004.

John A. Wilson  
Councilmember, Ward 2  
District of Columbia  
City Council



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## U.S. House of Representatives

**COMMITTEE ON THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**  
**CHARLES C. DIGGS, Jr.,**  
 Chairman  
 1310 Longworth House  
 Office Building  
 Washington, D.C. 20515  
 202-225-4457

**LAW REVISION COMMISSION MEMBERS APPOINTED**

The following persons have been appointed to the District of Columbia Law Revision Commission:

- Earl Silbert, Acting U.S. Attorney for the District of Columbia
- Stephen Danzansky, Attorney
- Marion Harrison, Attorney
- Frank Whalen, Attorney
- James Murphy, Attorney
- Steve Boynton, Attorney
- Henry P. Smith, retired U.S. Congressman
- Max N. Berry, Attorney
- Philip Elman, Attorney
- Connie Fortune, former President of the D.C. League of Women Voters and active in D.C. Home Rule
- Patricia Harris, Attorney
- Thomas Krattenmaker, Associate Professor of Law at Georgetown University
- Richard Medalie, Attorney
- Jason Newman, Professor, Georgetown Law School

**WICI LUNCHEON MEETING SETS DR. ESTELLE RAMEY AS ITS GUEST SPEAKER**

Members and guests of the Washington chapter, Women in Communications, Inc., will hear a timely, stimulating message about the key role of communicators and hard times from national personality, Dr. Estelle Ramey, at the chapter's annual Matrix Luncheon, to be held Saturday, May 31, at the Statler-Hilton Hotel, 16th and K Sts., N.W.

Dr. Ramey, Georgetown Un. Medical School professor of physiology and biophysics is known for her insight and practical down-to-earth views on the role of women, both as professionals in the business world and as homemakers.

Luncheon reservations are open to guests and students, as well as WICI members, according to Linda Vance, chapter president, and may be made by sending your check (\$8.50 per person) to Leslie Wilder, treasurer, at 940 25th St., N.W., Washington 20037. Deadline for reservations is May 23.

## Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association was held at St. Paul's Church on Monday evening, April 30th. President Dick Palco welcomed Mrs. Ethel Liggan, Treasurer, back from a recent illness and reported that, although the February Art Show was not as financially successful as had been hoped, it was an entertaining afternoon, and, in spite of the windy weather, many people did come by.

The present treasury balance of the association shows that we have \$1,220.71 in the bank. The FBA is in need of volunteers to talk to local merchants about advertising in the news. Anne Lomas would welcome any calls from interested persons. Call 692-4722 (day) or 965-2905 (eve). Lt. Rommelli of the Second Police Division answered many questions regarding problems in the neighborhood. The Lieutenant spoke openly about the high rate of office thefts and burglaries in the area and offered advice to all to lock doors when leaving office or home. He also advised that when visitors are in town to please remove from the car any clothing or valuable which are visible.

Lt. Rommelli is the first police officer to attend FBA meetings who lives in our neighborhood and we welcome him and hope that he will come to our meetings whenever possible.

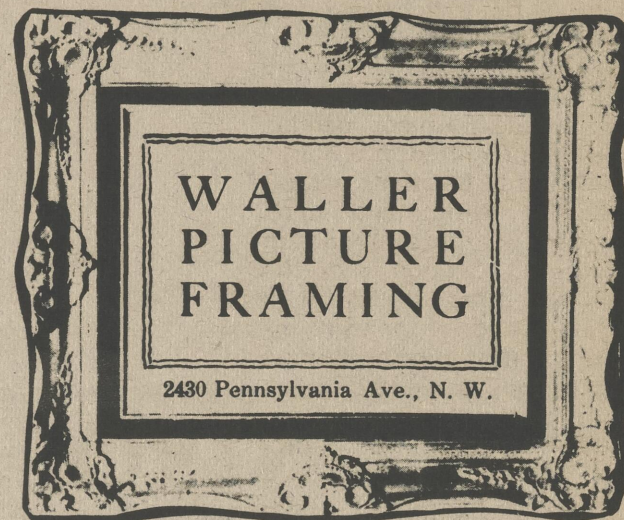
Ms. Helen Mitchell, Director of Neighborhood Improvements for the Bicentennial Commission was the guest speaker and she explained to us about Operation CURB, which the Commission has organized in an effort to remove neighborhood blight. Ms. Mitchell pointed out that CURB will furnish materials for cleanups and improvements, but the neighborhood must furnish the labor. "Do your own thing" Ms. Mitchell pointed out, "go around and beg! Help to clean up and beautify the city." Ellie Becker will be the chairperson for the FBA for the Bicentennial, so let's volunteer to make our neighborhood the most attractive in Washington. You can reach Ellie at 223-5866 (day) or 337-5528 (eve).

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## Foggy Bottom News

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## Letters

Mr. Dick Palco, President  
The Foggy Bottom Association  
Dear Dick;

This is in reply to your letter concerning illegal parking in several courts and alleys in Foggy Bottom.

My parking staff surveyed the problem area and concluded that, for the most part, parking is prohibited in those alleys. The Highways and Traffic Regulations in Section 79-C-6 state that no parking will be permitted: "In any public alley, except parking shall be permitted in a public alley and at locations authorized by permit and upon payment of rent as provided in Article 43, Section 3 of the Police Regulations, except in areas zoned R or S.P. as designated by the Zoning Regulations" (C.O. 69-685).

Records of the Zoning Commission indicate that Snows Court and Queen Ann's Lane are zoned R5b. Therefore, these do not qualify for rental.

However, some of the space in the alley network is designated private property. Here, it is up to each property owner to have police remove trespassers. The enclosed schematic sketch shows which space is public and which private.

We met with officials of the Metropolitan Police Department on the scene and resolved doubts about which zones could be enforced with out initiation by property owners. They agreed to step up their enforcement effort in these zones.

Please contact me if I can be of help to the Foggy Bottom Association in the future.

Sincerely yours,  
John E. Hartley  
Assistant Director

**THE FOGGY BOTTOM  
ASSOCIATION**  
c/o West End Library  
24th and L Streets, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20037

April 23, 1975

Mr. John E. Hartley  
Assistant Director  
Dept of Highways and Traffic  
415 12th Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20004

Dear Jack:

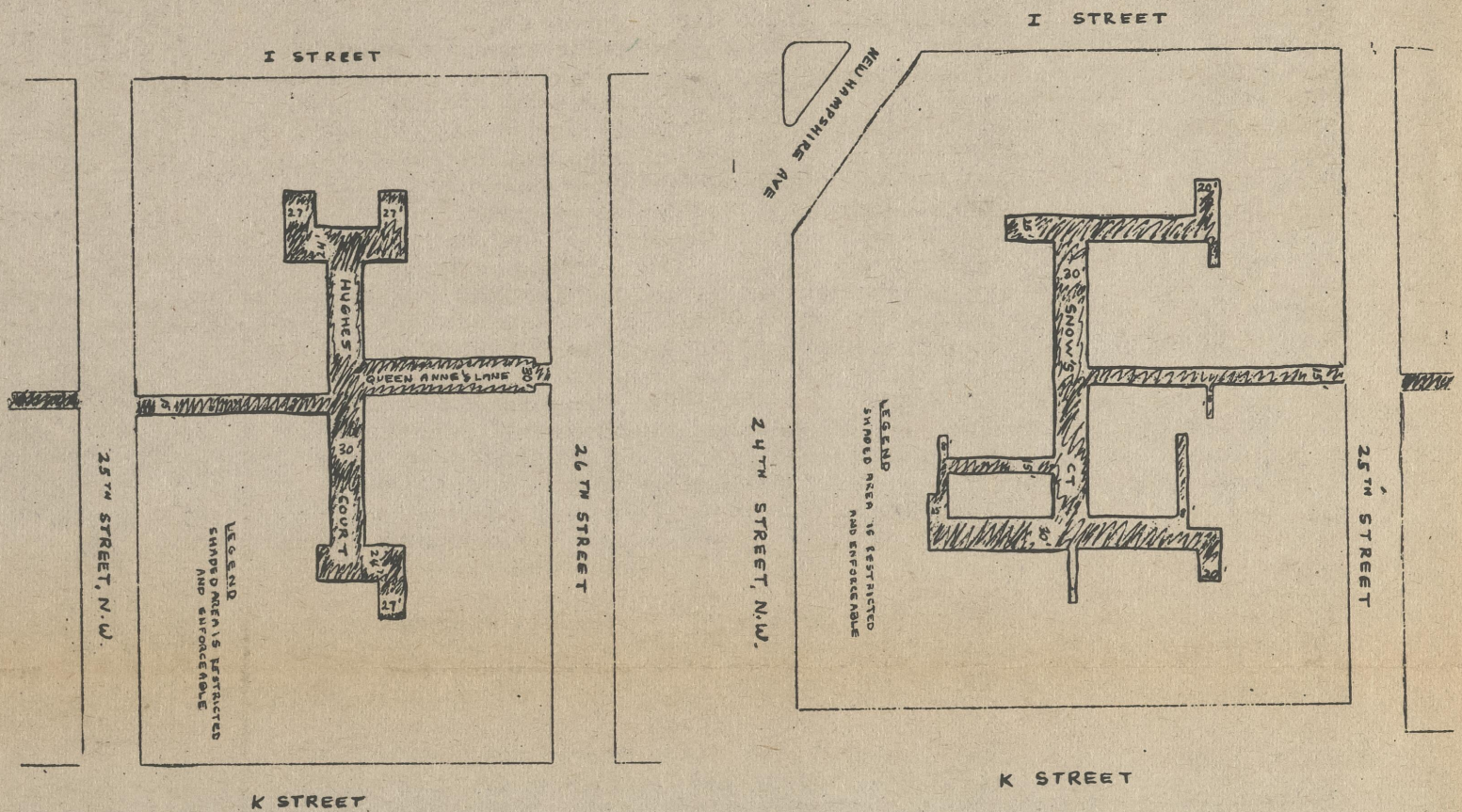
We are most grateful for your very complete response to our recent letter asking for clarification of the parking rules and regulations in Foggy Bottom's alleys and courts.

I know the members of the Association will be pleased with the action you have taken to clear up this problem. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

DICK PALCO  
President  
Foggy Bottom Association

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continued residence in the Bader. It was her home which she loved.

April 22 God removed Mrs. Tucker from her earthly home. She was laid to rest beside her loved ones among the blooming violets in Virginia. The memory of this lovely violet will never die.

Ruby Frye



## Classified Advertising

Classified advertising rate is ten cents a word, one dollar minimum, payment in advance. Mail (not later than first of month for which intended) to: Foggy Bottom News, c/o West End Library, 1101 24th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20037.

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## Repair Problems

example, the consumer goods repair dealer must give you a *written estimate of the cost of the repairs*. You must then sign the estimate to *authorize* the repairs. If you prefer, you may waive your right to a *written estimate*, and the dealer can communicate the cost estimate to you *verbally*. A written estimate is not required for repairs costing \$15.00 or less.

**Modification of Estimated Costs.** The total costs for repair services cannot exceed the cost quoted on the estimate by more than 20% for repairs costing \$300 or less, or by more than 10% for repairs costing more than \$300, unless you agree to modify the cost beyond these amounts.

Example: A dealer gives you a written estimate of \$100 repair work on your car. His final bill cannot exceed \$120, unless you have been notified and agree to an increase.

**Return of Replaced Parts.** If you choose, the repair dealer must give you any old, defective parts which were replaced with new ones in making the repair (unless the part must be returned to the manufacturer or is too large to be moved easily).

**Tender of Goods and Final Bill.** When the dealer returns your repaired goods, he must give you a copy of the final bill, which he has signed. The final bill must list all work done and all parts replaced.

### Repair Dealer's Rights

The consumer goods repair dealer also has rights under this Regulation, including: **Charge for Estimates and Handling.** The repair dealer has a right to charge you for making an estimate and/or handling your goods, whether or not the repairs are performed. However, he must notify you of any such costs prior to making the estimate or handling your goods.

**Storage Charges.** The repair dealer has right to charge you for storage of the repaired goods if you do not pick them up within an allotted time. The dealer is required to notify you when the repairs are completed, to name the date after which storage charges will begin, and to tell you the cost of such storage charges.

**Retention of Goods in Event of Dispute.** If you have a dispute with the repair dealer about his charges or service and refuse to pay his bill, the dealer shall have a *lien by operation of law*...that is, he can hold your goods...until the dispute is resolved.

### Your Responsibilities

You can help to make the Consumer Goods Repair Regulation effective by remembering your responsibilities:

- Deal with reputable repair dealers. Look for a license on display in repair shops as of November 15, 1974.
- Ask for disclosure of costs for estimates and handling, whether or not you have the repair performed.
- Obtain a receipt for your goods when the dealer picks it up, or when you leave it at his shop.
- Get a written estimate of the repair cost and sign it to authorize the work.
- Make sure the final costs are within the allowable limits of the estimated costs.
- If desired, get your replaced parts back from the dealer.
- Obtain signed copy of the final bill and keep it as a record of the repair.
- Contact the D.C. Office of Consumer Affairs for additional information or for alleged violations of the Regulation.

### Reporting Complaints

If you have a complaint about alleged violations of the Consumer Goods Repair Regulation, contact:  
 District of Columbia  
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*Wednesday Morning Seminars at the Octagon—JUNE 11: Demonstration by members of the Congressional Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of London—A Demonstration of Stitches and Variations. JUNE 25: "Do's and Don'ts for Needleworkers"—Joanne May Owner of Ladybug Needlecraft.*

All Seminars will commence promptly at 10:30 a.m. Seminars will be held in the New York Street Gallery at the Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W.

For Reservations, please call 638-3105. Reservations must be made at least one week in advance.

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